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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO HAVE PLO "FOREIGN MINISTER" QADDUMI
SPEAK IN UN GENERAL DEBATE

REF: STATE 239462

1. FONMIN FAHMY IS NOT IN HIS OFFICE TODAY AND, LIKE MOST OTHER CAIRENES, IS CELEBRATING THE BAIRAM FEAST. HOWEVER, I FOUND HIS CHEF DE CABINET OSAMA EL BAZ AT WORK AND DELIVERED YOUR ORAL MESSAGE TO HIM FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FAHMY. EL BAZ READY IT CAREFULLY AND SAID HE WOULD GET IT TO FAHMY RIGHT AWAY. HE COMMENTED THAT THE MESSAGE WAS TIMELY BECAUSE QADDUMI WAS STILL IN CAIRO AND FAHMY WOULD BE SEEING HIM THIS EVENING; EL BAZ SAID FAHMY WOULD WANT TO TAKE YOUR MESSAGE INTO ACCOUNT DURING THIS MEETING. I ASKED THAT I BE GIVEN FAHMY'S REACTION TO YOUR MESSAGE AND HIS DECISION ON ITS REQUEST. EL BAZ WILL LET ME KNOW.

2. WITH REGARD TO OUR MIDNIGHT CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT ABOUT FAHMY'S TRAVEL PLANS (CAIRO 12958 NOTAL), EL BAZ SAID THEY WERE STILL UP IN THE AIR, BUT IT WAS NOW EVEN MORE UNLIKELY THAT FAHMY WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 1 AND 2.

KNOWING HOW TIGHT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS, EL BAZ THOUGHT THE TENTATIVE MEETING WITH FAHMY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM IT. IF
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FAHMY SHOULD LATER GO TO THE UNGA (HE MENTIONED MID-NOVEMBER

WHEN HE THOUGHT THE MIDDLE EAST
WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA), FAHMY WOULD HOPE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT
THEN, BUT WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND IF A NEW MEETING COULD
NOT BE FIT INTO THE SCHEDULE. FAHMY WOULD OF COURSE EXPECT TO
SEE YOU IF HE GOES TO THE U.S.
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